

Amendments To The Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, lines 24 to 287, with the following amended paragraph:

Racemic mixtures of the enantiomers of compounds of formula I, can be preparing according to the method described in International Application No. PCT/EP03/07411, WO 2004/005239. Presently, the main drawback is that the corresponding alcohols are available as racemic mixtures only. No method is disclosed for an efficient enantioselective reduction process of *N*-monosubstituted β -keto amines.